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Message: Regarding the Microsoft settlement

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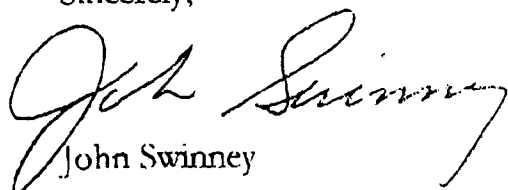
Dear Attorney General Ashcroft,

I wanted to express my appreciation for your support toward Microsoft in the antitrust suit battle between the Department of Justice and Microsoft. The three year long battle has finally ended, only to find out that there are those parties who are still trying to hold up the process. It is obvious that many of Microsoft's competitors are trying to utilize the legal system to gain some sort of competitive edge. I am opposed to these tactics.

Since there are many more important issues currently facing our country, it is important to enact the settlement and support our technology industry by letting the process move forward and by allowing the competitive process to take hold. The people being harmed by this delay include not only those in the IT sector, but also consumers and our economy as a whole.

I urge you to continue your support of the settlement, and help make sure that no more action is taken against this agreement. Let us move forward and allow the American consumer to fully benefit from the high-end technology that we can surely provide, with a settlement that improves business practices as well as design improvements in Windows and other Microsoft programs.

Sincerely,


John Swinney